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Hurley, Peggy

From: Pulda, Matt
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2005 3:15 PM
To: Hurley, Peggy
Subject: Ham radio mobile communications units

Here's a link to a North Carolina club's description of their van, complete with pictures:

<http://www.dfma.org/mcu.html>

Also, here's a link to a brief description of the "special services club" concept (just over halfway down the page). Again, I don't know how official this designation is, and it doesn't appear to necessarily involve a club owning a dedicated emergency communications vehicle, but I hope it's helpful:

<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/>

The Journal Sentinel also ran an article in early September about ham operator's emergency services, including "back up power systems and vehicles that have communication systems in them for things like" Katrina. Unfortunately, I can't find a link to the article on the Journal Sentinel website, but it was dated 9/1/2005. However, I did find an older article that discusses the connections ham clubs have with WEM, the Red Cross, and other agencies and organizations:

<http://www.jsonline.com/news/ozwash/jul03/152814.asp>

I hope this helps! I'll let you know if I can find any more information.

Thanks!

Matt Pulda
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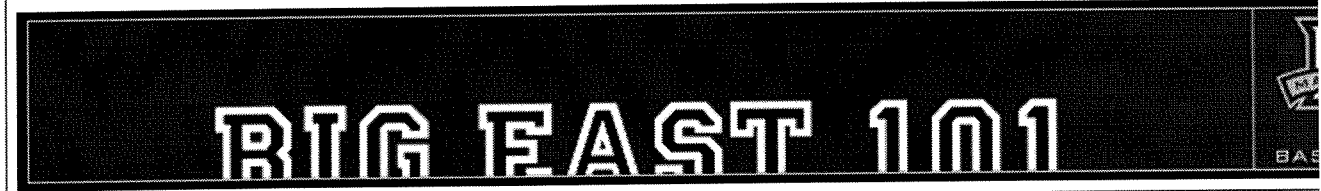
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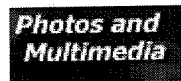
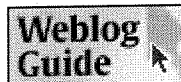
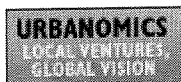


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Ham radio users step in for safety

Field Day event tests ability to rally during community emergency

By JIM CRYNS
Special to the Journal Sentinel

Last Updated: July 5, 2003

Not everyone has a hobby that also saves lives, but that's what draws members of the Radio Club and hundreds of thousands of fellow radio operators around the world out like last weekend's Field Day.

Held at the Lazy Days campground near West Bend, members of the Ozaukee Radio Club honed their emergency preparedness and communications skills.

They hoisted antennas and sent out their call signs in hopes of reaching other operators the same.

To alleviate any confusion, ham is not an acronym. The theories of origin of the term are as numerous as the 700,000 operators nationwide.

Much like a boxer, when ham operators aren't in the "ring," they are busy training - and the reason for the Field Day.

Ham operators have become skilled in sending vitally needed information to facilities the National Weather Service during severe weather incidents.

They've been trained to communicate with police, firefighters and other first responders not use ham radio conventions during their normal work day.

"It is a hobby in the sense that all radio amateurs are strictly hobbyists since they can't for their service," says Stan Kaplan, the Wisconsin section emergency coordinator.

"It's also a vital service whenever there is an emergency. Throughout modern history,



there has been any kind of a disaster, it's always the ham operators that are first with communications in a particular area."

Ham radio operators work for the Wisconsin Emergency Management, Kaplan said.

"We supply emergency information to governmental infrastructure. It's purely voluntary cannot be paid as that would be against federal law. Society at large doesn't even know. The guy on the street wouldn't have any idea."

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Kaplan says since Sept. 11, he's witnessed an attempt to incorporate volunteers into public safety. "We're seeing a rapid transition now," Kaplan said, "more acceptability of ham because police, fire departments, EMS, realize that in big disasters, they can't do it by themselves, there's just not enough equipment or manpower."

Leon Rediske is the vice president of the Ozaukee Radio Club and obtained his ham license almost 50 years ago.

"Once a month we have training for all sorts of potential accidents," Rediske said. "We train on gas leaks, hazardous materials, we train on rescue boats."

Rediske says some ham operators are trained as weather spotters.

"In the field, they will look for heavy rain, winds, funnel clouds," Rediske said. "They report that information to a ham operator who works with the National Weather Service," Sullivan.

The ubiquitous web of radio security goes beyond dry land.

Jon Gilmore is the emergency coordinator for the Ozaukee Amateur Radio Emergency

"When you call the Coast Guard, guess who responds," Gilmore asks? "A bunch of us are out there on the rescue boats. A lot of the captains and crews on Coast Guard ships are ham operators. There are ham operators everywhere."

Gilmore says his emergency service has agreements with the American Red Cross and Salvation Army.

"If there is a disaster, we'll be there. All the communications surrounding 9-11 were handled," Gilmore said. "All other forms of communication were out."

"If the communications goes down at St. Mary's Hospital in Ozaukee County, we've been trained to go in," Gilmore said. "We have an antenna there. We have direct communication with the Flight For Life. We can communicate with any emergency service."


"It varies how law enforcement perceives us," Kaplan said. "In Ozaukee County, they are an arm of emergency management. We are attached permanently to emergency management by common consent. We've had a good working relationship."

Kaplan says the ham radio operators aren't making the decisions at disaster sites, it's the law enforcement, or the shelter manager that dictates procedures.

"Hams are mostly conduits of information," Kaplan said.

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Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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and This bill allows a motor vehicle that is operated by a person who holds an unexpired amateur radio state license issued by the federal communications commission that is equipped with mobile emergency communication equipment to be registered for five years upon a payment of a \$5 registration fee. *

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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2 amateur radio state license issued by the federal communications commission that
3 is equipped with ^{check} mobile emergency communication equipment. [✓]

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3 is equipped with mobile emergency communication equipment.

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~~§~~ A motor vehicle equipped with [✓]mobile emergency communication equipment that is owned by an organization and that is used exclusively by a member of the organization who holds an unexpired amateur radio state license issued by the federal communications commission, [✓]to provide or coordinate emergency communications.

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2 federal communications commission, to provide or coordinate emergency
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Hurley, Peggy

From: Pulda, Matt
Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2005 11:17 AM
To: Hurley, Peggy
Subject: LRB 3969/2

Peggy,

Thanks for sending us the revised draft of LRB 3969. However, the Representative would like to make an additional change. He is concerned that the /2 language could be interpreted to require that only a licensed ham operator would be able to drive the vehicle, in addition to using the equipment. He has proposed a slight change that would permit anyone to drive it, provided that it's owned by the organization and used only by its members to provide emergency communications services.

Here's an idea for the language:

"341.26(2)(p) A motor vehicle equipped with mobile emergency communication equipment that is owned by an organization of holders of unexpired amateur radio state licenses issued by the federal communications commission and is used exclusively to provide or coordinate emergency communications."

I hope I explained this well (it took me a while to understand his point), but please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks for all your work on this so far!

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David St. John

Barman, Mike

From: Pulda, Matt
Sent: Friday, January 06, 2006 8:30 AM
To: LRB.Legal
Subject: Draft review: LRB 05-3969/3 Topic: Registration for certain ham radio operators

It has been requested by <Pulda, Matt> that the following draft be jacketed for the ASSEMBLY:

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